**Central Directions on completion of irrigation projects**

281. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have given any direction to the State Governments with regard to speedy completion of on-going major national irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) A major objective in the irrigation sector during the Seventh Plan is to give priority to the completion of unfinished irrigation projects which are in an advanced stage and are capable of yielding benefits in the Seventh Plan, and accordingly the State Governments have been asked to take necessary steps. The National Conference of Irrigation and Water Resources Ministers held in July, 1986 recommended that Review Committees should be set-up in each State under the Chairmanship of the Chief Ministers to draw up priorities for the optimal allocation of limited resources among the various Projects. Further, the National Water Policy recommends that under-funding of projects should be obviated by an optimum allocation of resources, having regard, among others, to early completion of ongoing projects.

**उच्च न्यायालयों में मुख्य न्यायाधीशों के रिक्त पद**

282. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय किन-किन राज्यों के उच्च न्यायालयों में मुख्य न्यायाधीशों के पद रिक्त पड़े हैं तथा यह पद कब से रिक्त पड़े हैं, और

(ख) इन रिक्त पदों को भरे जाने में क्या-क्या कठिनाइयां हैं तथा इन पदों के कब तक भरे जाने की संभावना है ?

**विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज)** । (क) तारीख 26-7-88 को निम्नलिखित तीन उच्च न्यायालयों में मुख्य न्यायमूर्ति के पद नीचे तारीखों से रिक्त हैं :—

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(ख) उच्च न्यायालयों के मुख्य न्यायमूर्तियों की नियुक्ति के मामले में सम्बद्ध सांविधानिक प्राधिकारियों से परामर्श किया जाता है । अत: इन पदों को भरे जाने के लिए कोई निश्चित समय बताना संभव नहीं है ।

**Losses in Defence stores**

283. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that losses in Defence Stores have registered a steep rise during the last three years;

(b) if so, what is the yearwise breakup of these losses; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to reduce these losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.